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SUBJECT: UNCTAD/GATT INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER (ITC):
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC) MEETING

BEGIN SUMMARY: SUBJECT MEETING ENDED A DAY EARLY (JAN 18)
WITH SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF ALL PROBLEMS. DISCUSSION
COVERED ALL MAJOR ASPECTS OF ITC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS, RELATIONS OF ITC WITH OTHER UN BODIES, AND OR-
GANIZATION OF BOTH INTERNAL STRUCTURE OF ITC AND TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE ITSELF. IN LAST MENTIONED AREA, TC HAS AGREED
TO PROPOSE TO ITS PARENT JOINT ADVISORY GROUP (JAG) THAT
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TC BE OPEN-ENDED ANNUAL MEETING WITH GOVERNMENTS REQUESTED
TO SUBMIT THE NAMES OF EXPORT PROMOTION EXPERTS WHO WILL
ATTEND, THIRTY (30) DAYS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING DATE. JAG
WILL HEAR THIS AND OTHER PROPOSALS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
HERE MARCH 13-17. END SUMMARY.

1. SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF 1977 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: THE

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCREASED OVER 1976 DUE TO ADVANCE IN GOVERNMENT TRUST FUNDS. FUNDS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) ACTUALLY DECLINED (SEE PARA 3). THE ABSOLUTE AMOUNT AND SHARE TO LATIN AMERICA FELL, DUE PARTLY TO THE CUTBACK IN THE UNDP AND PARTLY TO PREFERENCES OF TRUST FUND DONORS (SEE PARA 5).

2. PROGRAM CONTENT AND FUTURE DIRECTION: MOST OF THIS SECTION TREATED ROUTINELY. EXCEPTIONS NOTED BELOW:

A. IMPORT-EXPORT COOPERATIVE PROGRAM (IECP): THIS EFFORT TO PUT LDC SUPPLIERS IN CONTACT WITH DC RETAILERS FAILED TO ATTRACT SUPPORT OF RETAILERS, WHO WERE EXPECTED TO FINANCE THE PROGRAM. HOWEVER, THE SECRETARIAT INDICATED THAT MUCH VALUABLE INFORMATION HAD BEEN COMPILED, AND WITH FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WILLING TO SUPPLY TRUST FUNDS, IT WAS AGREED TO HAVE THIS ITC SUPPORT AN IMPORT-EXPORT CONTACT REPEAT CONTACT PROGRAM TO PUT PRODUCERS/EXPORTERS IN CONTACT WITH DC AND LDC BUYERS. THE HOPE WAS EXPRESSED THAT THIS PROGRAM WOULD ATTRACT BUYER FINANCIAL SUPPORT IF IT PROVED PROFITABLE AFTER A FEW YEARS.

B. TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES: THIS ISSUE AT FIRST SPLIT BRAZIL FROM LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (LLDCS) ON THE ISSUE OF WHETHER EXPORT PROMOTION ASSISTANCE WAS "FUTILE" IN LLDCS. IT WAS RESOLVED BY SUGGESTIONS THAT LLDCS REQUIRED MORE FLEXIBLE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND DIFFERENT KINDS OF, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA, STARTING WITH A SIX-MONTH PRE-PROGRAM EVALUATION BY RESIDENT EXPERT. THUS THE "MORAL OBLIGATION" (ITC) TO HELP THE LLDCS WAS BROUGHT INTO HARMONY WITH PRACTICAL PROGRAMS.

3. ITC RELATIONS WITH OTHER UN BODIES: A SUGGESTION (BRAZIL) THAT THE ITC, THROUGH THE ING COUNTRIES (LLDCS) ON THE ISSUE OF WHETHER EXPORT PROMOTION ASSISTANCE WAS "FUTILE" IN LLDCS. IT WAS RESOLVED BY SUGGESTIONS THAT LLDCS REQUIRED MORE FLEXIBLE, AND DIFFERENT KINDS OF, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA, STARTING WITH A SIX-MONTH PRE-PROGRAM EVALUATION BY RESIDENT EXPERT. THUS THE "MORAL OBLIGATION" (ITC) TO HELP THE LLDCS WAS BROUGHT INTO HARMONY WITH PRACTICAL PROGRAMS.

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(BRAZIL) THAT THE ITC, THROUGH THE JAG, SEND A NOTE TO THE
UNDP DEPLORING THE SAD STATUS OF UNDP ATTENTION TO EXPORT
PROMOTION WAS DEFUSED BY THE ITC SECRETARIAT ON THE BASIS
THAT (1) PROSPECTS WERE BRIGHT FOR 1978, (2) A NEGATIVE
EXPRESSION TO UNDP WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, AND (3) IT
IS UP TO GOVERNMENTS GIVING FUNDS TO AND ACCEPTING FUNDS
FROM THE UNDP TO PUT SUCH EMPHASIS AS THEY DESIRED ON TRADE
PROMOTION. THE OUTCOME WAS A TC RECOMMENDATION THAT THE
JAG URGE GOVERNMENTS TO EMPHASIZE TRADE PROMOTION IN THEIR
INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURES (IPF) AT THE UNDP. THE ITC
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DIRECTOR WOULD BRING THAT RECOMMENDATION TO THE ATTENTION
OF THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR, WHILE "EXPRESSING APPRECIATION"
FOR UNDP ADMINISTRATOR'S SUPPORT FOR THE ITC IN 1977.

4. ITC'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM: THE
MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THE TC AND THE JAG SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE SECRE-
TARIAT, UPON REQUEST, WITH APPROPRIATE INFORMATION TO ALLOW
THEM TO BE AWARE OF THE BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR
PROPOSALS. NO INTEREST WAS INDICATED IN IMPUTING TO THESE
GROUPS ANY BUDGETARY COMPETENCE, WHICH REMAINS THE PRE-
ROGATIVE OF THE GATT AND UNCTAD. COMMENT: IN THIS CON-
NECTION IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE JAG
WILL BE SCHEDULED IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH. AS THE
UN APPARENTLY REQUIRES A DRAFT BIENNIUM BUDGET IN THE
FEBRUARY PRECEDING THE BIENNIUM (E.G., FEBRUARY 1979 FOR
THE 1980/1981 BIENNIUM), CURRENT PROCEDURES WOULD HAVE THE
JAG TAKE PARTICULAR COGNIZANCE OF 1980/1981 BUDGETARY RE-
QUIREMENTS IN ITS MARCH 1978 MEETING. THE FORMAL BUDGET

NOTE BY OC/T: SECTION 2 SERVICED; TO FOLLOW.

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IS SUBMITTED TO THE GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE IN THE SUMMER
AND THE ACABQ IN THE FALL PRIOR TO THE BIENNIUM.

(B) EFFICIENCY OF TC AND JAG: A PROPOSAL THAT WORKING SUB-
GROUPS BE FORMED AT THE JAG WAS KILLED, BUT LEFT OPEN AS A
POSSIBILITY, AS NEEDED, IN THE TC. IN ADDITION, THE TC
EACH YEAR WILL CONCENTRATE ON ONE MAJOR PROBLEM (TRADE PRO-
MOTION INFRASTRUCTURE IN LDCS IS PROPOSED FOR 1979) AND
GO LIGHTLY OVER ROUTINE MATTERS.

(C) MEETINGS: THE JAG WILL CONTINUE TO MEET EVERY YEAR.
TC WILL MEET THE THIRD FULL WEEK IN JANUARY FOR ONE WEEK,
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AND THE JAG APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS THEREAFTER.

(D) COMPOSITION OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: THERE WAS VIR-
TUALLY UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT THAT THE BEST WAY OF RESOLVING
THIS PROBLEM, WHICH HAS PLAGUED THE ITC FOR SEVERAL YEARS,
WAS OPEN-ENDED MEMBERSHIP. THE UNCTAD REP GAVE SUPPORT
AND CONSIDERABLE INSIGHT INTO HOW SUCH ARRANGEMENTS HAVE
BEEN HANDLED THERE (TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, ETC.).
MOST DELEGATIONS FELT THAT SELF-SELECTION AND A REQUEST
THAT TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO ATTEND BE NOTIFIED TO THE ITC AT
LEAST THIRTY DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING WOULD RESULT

IN A BODY SMALL ENOUGH TO RETAIN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GROUP. THE SUGGESTION WAS SUPPORTED BY AMOST ALL LDCS, ALL MAJOR DONORS AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES, AND AS AN "EXPERIMENT" BY POLAND. THE SOVIET UNION EXPRESSED ITS OPPOSITION (PREFERRING MODERATE BUT EXPLICIT EXPANSION), WHILE THE DELEGATE FROM BULGARIA AND OBSERVERS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY WERE ABSENT DURING THE DISCUSSION. THIS SOLUTION WILL ALLOW THE CONTINUED REPRESENTATION OF ISRAEL, WHICH HAD BEEN IN DOUBT UNDER EARLIER PROPOSALS TO ROTATE MEMBERSHIP.

5. QUITE OUTSIDE THE MEETING ITSELF, WE HAVE RECEIVED AN INFORMAL REQUEST THAT THE U.S. CONSIDER SOME WAY OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE ITC WHICH MIGHT NOT INVOLVE TRUST FUNDS. POSSIBLE USE OF ITC TO CARRY OUT SOME A.I.D. BILATERAL PROGRAMS IN LATIN AMERICA WAS SUGGESTED, AS WAS A HOPEFULLY ACCEPTABLE EMPHASIS ON TRAINING AND LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, IN LATIN AMERICA OR ELSEWHERE. WASHINGTON MAY WITH TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE APPROACHES FOLLOWING RETURN OF DELEGATION. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED FOR A SYSTEMATIC LISTING OF U.S. CITIZENS AVAILABLE FOR POSSIBLE ITC STAFF OPENINGS.

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